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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Rangan et al.)
 Serial No.: 09/173,582)
 Filed: October 15, 1998)
 For: DATA COMMUNICATION)
 NETWORK WITH TRANSFER)
 PORT, CASCADE PORT AND/OR)
 FRAME SYNCHRONIZING)
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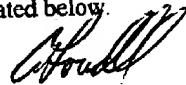
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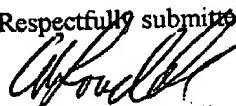
PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Letter mailed June 10, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0251 in the amount of \$430.00 for the extension fee.

A response to the Letter is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0251. An additional copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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